

## REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 6, 22, 23, and 25 have been cancelled.  
Claims 1, 5, 7, 20, and 24 have been amended.

### 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections

Claims 1, 2, 8-14, 20, 21 and 26-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Timis et al. in view of Doidic et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3, 4, and 6. Claim 6 was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and all intervening claims. This has been done by the amendment to claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 5, and 7-14 depend from amended claim 1, and are allowable for the same reasons.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 22, 23, and 25. Claim 25 was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and all intervening claims. This has been done by the amendment

to claim 20. Therefore, claim 20 is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

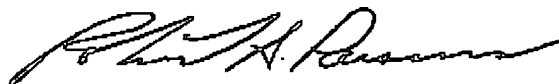
Claims 21, 24, and 26-32 depend from amended claim 20, and are allowable for the same reasons.

Allowed Claims

Claims 15-19 and 33-37 have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that each of the claims is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. Should there be any questions or remaining issues, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully requested,



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